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SHATTERSTAFFIRE!

NULES CABLE!

BEASTLING!

**DESTINY
AWAITS...**

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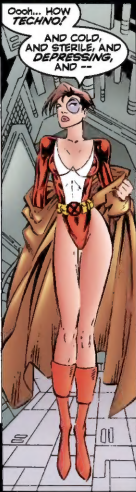
THE X BUILDING.

THEY SAY IT WAS BUILT FOR A WORLD'S FAIR, LONG AGO...

...THEN LEFT ABANDONED, WHILE NEW YORK CITY CREEPT UP AROUND IT.

RUMOR SAYS IT WAS RECENTLY BOUGHT BY SOMEONE WITH ENOUGH MONEY TO KEEP THE DEAL QUIET.

BUT IF THERE WERE INSPECTIONS OR RENOVATIONS, THERE WAS NEVER ANYONE SEEN COMING OUT OR GOING INTO THIS "X BUILDING."



"X-PATROL!"

FINALLY!
SOMEONE INTERESTED
IN THE FINE ART OF
CONVERSATION!
I THOUGHT
TO HANG
ENTERTAIN MYSELF
ALL NIGHT WITH
THOUGHTS OF GEO-
POLITICAL TERRAIN
AND FOREIGN
AFFAIRS!

I KNOW WHAT YOU
ARE THINKING: GREEN ONE
-- AND WHERE I COME
FROM, MY GUARDS WOULD
KILL YOU FOR BARE
THOUGHTS!

'EALY' ARE
THERE NO MEN
ON THIS WORLD?
ONLY BOYS?

ALL RIGHT,
GIRL -- TIME TO
DO WHAT YOU
DO BEST!

YOU MAKE
THAT SOUND LIKE
A BAD THING,
PRINCESS!

ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO IS
FOLLOW JANET
VAN DYNE'S ONE
SIMPLE RULE --
GET YOUR
ATTENTION!

I DON'T
THINK YOU'LL
HAVE A
PROBLEM.

ME, I'VE
GOT A KICKIN'
CODE NAME --
'ELASTIC-GIRL' --
AND AN EYE-
CATCHING
COSTUME!

SO WHAT'S
THE MAJORITY
OPINION? ABOUT
MY OUTFIT, I
MEAN.

BE
HONEST --
I'M THINKING OF
CHANGING IT
ANYWAY!

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USELESS,
INANE
CHATTER!

I DEMAND
TO KNOW WHY
YOU CALLED ME
HERE -- AND HOW
YOU FOUND
ME!

MEP

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND --
I DIDN'T DO
ANY OF THIS --
HONEST!

...LET OUR HAIR
DOWN... TAKE OUR
MASKS OFF...

HI HO,
SILVER --
THAT MEANS
YOU!

NYET!

I MEAN
TO SAY... NO,
THANK
YOU.

LOOK -- THIS
IS OBVIOUSLY THE
GET-ACQUAINTED
PORTION OF TONIGHT'S
PARTY, SO WHY
DON'T WE ALL
RELAX...

'ZAL!

THIS IS
A WASTE
OF MY
TIME!

I AGREE. I
CAN THINK OF
MUCH BETTER
WAYS TO
WASTE YOUR
TIME...!

YOU --

YEEK!

ZZRAK

-- DAREP!

NO ONE
TOUCHES THE
PRINCESS OF
TAMOUORAN!

SKREENK

YOU WILL
FIND MY FLESH A
BETTER MATCH FOR
YOUR BLADE, LITTLE
CZARINA!

YEETCH!
FINGERNAILS
ON CHALKBOARD!
FLASHBACK TO Mrs.
Mactaggert's
FIRST
GRADE --

Oh, THE
HORROR!



NOW,
NOW --
PLAY NICE,
EVERYONE!

THAT'S
WHAT I HAD
IN MIND IN THE
FIRST
PLACE!

BUT I'M
SURE YOU CAN
HANDLE THEM,
JANET -- AFTER ALL,
YOU'RE A **BIG**
GIRL NOW!

THOSE
WHO RULE BY
THE **SWORD** ARE
DESTINED TO
SUFFER DEFEAT AT
THE **HANDS** OF
THE PEOPLE!

TIN-
PLATED FOOL!
THERE IS **NOTHING**
AND **NO ONE** HERE
WHO CAN EQUAL A
BLADE FORGED ON
MY WORLD!

KEEP THE
DIAL READY, PAIGE!
Y'ALL MIGHT NEED
TO CALL FOR HELP
RIGHT SOON...

THAT'S
ENOUGH!



I STRONGLY
RECOMMEND SAVING
YOUR ENERGY AND
AGGRESSION FOR...
THE **FUTURE**.

ALLOW ME
TO **INTRODUCE**
MYSELF. I'M THE
ONE WHO SOUGHT
YOU OUT AND
INVITED YOU
HERE --



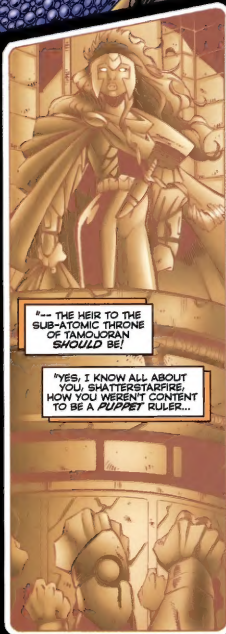
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-- AND THEN SPIED ON US FROM THE SHADOWS? BY 'ZAL--!

NO, SHATTERSTARFIRE, I WAS MERELY OBSERVING.

TAKING YOUR MEASURE...
MAKING CERTAIN
YOU WERE
EVERYTHING --

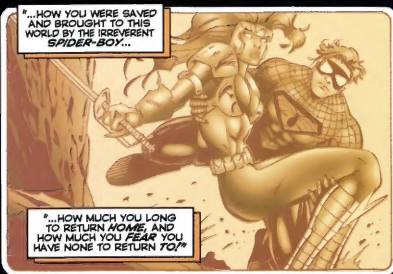


"-- THE HEIR TO THE
SUB-ATOMIC THRONE
OF TAMOJORAN
SHOULD BE!

"YES, I KNOW ALL ABOUT
YOU, SHATTERSTARFIRE,
HOW YOU WEREN'T CONTENT
TO BE A PUPPET RULER...



"...HOW YOU ADDED
YOUR SWORD AND
YOUR FIRE TO THE
REBEL CAUSE, ONLY
TO BE BETRAYED BY
THOSE SAME TROOPS...



"...HOW YOU WERE SAVED
AND BROUGHT TO THIS
WORLD BY THE IRREVERENT
SPIDER-BOY...

"...HOW MUCH YOU LONG
TO RETURN HOME, AND
HOW MUCH YOU FEAR YOU
HAVE NONE TO RETURN TO!"

WHAT
YOU SAY...
IS TRUE.

YEAH, AND
THE SAME STORY
PULLED A FORTY SHARE
ON THE ARACH-KIDS'
"IT'S AMAZING"
SHOW!

...BUT
WE ALL KNOW
THAT YOUR GLIB
DEMEANOR
HIDES --

THOUGH
IT'S CLEAR TO ME
NOW THAT PAMELA
LEE WILL NEVER FILL
YOUR... UH... SHOES,
PRINCESS!

YOU *W/ST*,
BEASTLING...

"-- THE CONVULSIONS OF
A YOUNG **HANK LOGAN**,
WRITHING WITH A DISEASE
HE KNOWS WILL KILL HIM!

"WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER
THROUGH THE **FEVER
DREAMS**, MY FURRY FRIEND?

"CAN YOU SEE YOUR PARENTS/
FACES, TAUT AND ASHEN AS THEY
ADMINISTER THE EXPERIMENTAL
SERUM THAT WILL **SAVE** YOUR LIFE --

"-- AND **CHANGE**
IT FOREVER --

"-- **MUTATING**
A MUTANT!

"GIVING YOU THE POWER
TO **TRANSFORM** INTO THE
SAME UNREAL CREATURES
THAT **HAUNTED** YOUR
FEVER DREAMS!"



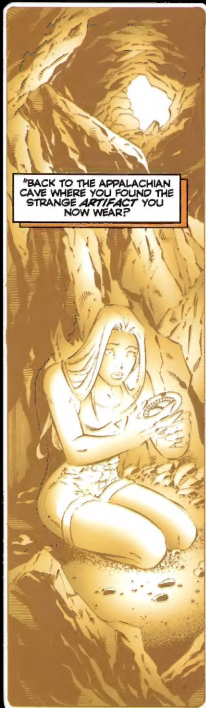
YEAH, WELL...
AT LEAST I
STILL HAVE MY
LOOKS!

BUT IT
LOOKS AS IF
WE WON'T HAVE
ALL OUR GUESTS
FOR LONG!



Ugh!

WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING, PAIGE
GUTHRIE...?



"BACK TO THE APPALACHIAN
CAVE WHERE YOU FOUND THE
STRANGE **ARTIFACT** YOU
NOW WEAR?"



"I DOUBT IT TOOK YOU LONG
TO DISCOVER THAT ALL
YOU NEEDED TO DO WAS DIAL
H-U-S-K, FOCUSING YOUR
LATENT MUTANT ABILITY
THROUGH THE DEVICE...



*...AND YOUR INNER
SELVES WOULD QUITE
LITERALLY **BURST FREE!**

"YOU FIRST BECAME **WONDER-
GIRL** -- WHOSE NAME AND
POWERS YOU INSTINCTIVELY
KNEW, AS IS THE CASE WITH
EACH NEW PERSONA YOU
ASSUME.

"BUT I CAN'T HELP
WONDERING -- ARE
YOU SHOWING
ASPECTS OF THE
REAL PAIGE...

*...OR KEEPING HER
HIDDEN BENEATH
LAYERS OF COSTUMES
AND CHARACTERS?"



AH...
AH'M
NOT...

DON'T
LISTEN
TO HIM,
PAIGE.

CHANGING
OUTFITS WITH THE
TWIST OF A DIAL?
SOUNDS LIKE A
GREAT POWER
TO ME!

YOU
MONSTER! YOU
HAVE NOT THE RIGHT
TO JUDGE THE
GIRL... OR ANY
OF US!

HOW
NOBLE, PIOTR
RASPUTIN.

HOW
LIKE A KNIGHT
ENCASED IN
SHINING
ARMOR!

WOULDN'T
IT MAKE ALEXI
PROUD?

YOUR
TWIN BROTHER
WAS ALL YOU
HAD...

"...SINCE EVEN YOUR
MOTHER COULDN'T
BEAR THE SIGHT OF
YOU TWO!

"YOU SHARED
EVERYTHING
FROM THE MOMENT
YOU WERE BORN...

"TOYS.

"MASKS.

"SUSPICIOUS
GLANCES.

"HATEFUL
LIES.

"BUT THERE WAS
ONE THING YOU
COULDN'T SHARE.

"WHILE SAVING
ALEXI'S LIFE, YOU
CHANGED INTO
LIVING METAL,
PIOTR...

"YOU BECAME A
FERRO MAN!

"YOU WERE A
MUTANT, AND
HE WAS NOT.

"HIS GROWING
RESENTMENT
DROVE HIM
AWAY...

"...AND LEFT
YOU ALONE!"



YOU'RE NOT ALONE NOW, PLOTYR -- NOW THAT YOU'VE JOINED THE X-PATROL!

I HAVE JOINED NOTHING!

WELL, IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME!

YOU ARE A MOST PUSHY WOMAN!

YES...

JANET VAN DYNE IS USED TO GETTING HER WAY.

"THE DARLING OF THE MONTE CARLO GAMING SET, SHE TURNED A MODEST INHERITANCE INTO MILLIONS BY PLAYING THE LONG ODDS."



"DOMINO, THEY CALLED HER."

"LOOKING FOR MORE EXCITEMENT, SHE FINANCED HER OWN ILL-FATED EXPEDITION!"



"THEN -- WITH THE SORT OF LUCK YOU ONLY SEE IN BAD MOVIES -- VOLCANIC GASSES ACTIVATED HER MUTANT POWERS!"



"SHE GAINED THE ABILITY TO HANDLE PROBLEMS OF ANY SIZE! BIG --"

"-- OR SMALL."

"WITHOUT HER, NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE! SHE HAS BEEN MY GREATEST ALLY!"



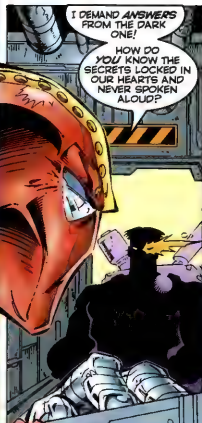


SHE...
KNEW... FROM THE
BEGINNING?
SHE LIED TO
US?

NOT LIED,
EXACTLY, JUST...
ONLY TOLD PART
OF THE TRUTH.

THERE'S A
DIFFERENCE.

SO WHAT'S
NEXT, PEOPLE?
BUY A VOWEL, OR
HAVE VANNA AND
PAT HERE TELL US
THE **WHOLE**
ANSWER?



I DEMAND ANSWERS
FROM THE DARK
ONE!

HOW DO
YOU KNOW THE
SECRETS LOCKED IN
OUR HEARTS AND
NEVER SPOKEN
ALoud?



DEMANDS
AREN'T
NECESSARY,
FERRO
MAN.

IN
FACT, I'D BE
HONORED TO
TELL YOU!



YOU SEE, I
COME FROM A PLACE
WHERE MUTANTS Banded
TOGETHER FOR PROTECTION
FROM A HATEFUL
WORLD DETERMINED
TO DESTROY
THEM!

WHERE
STORIES ARE
PASSED FROM
PARENT TO CHILD
WITH AWE AND
RESPECT!



MY NAME IS
NILES CABLE,
AND I AM FROM
YOUR
FUTURE!

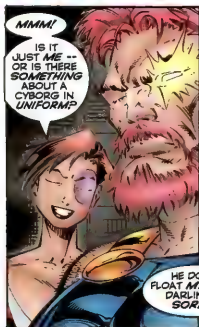


HEAR ME --
SEPARATELY, YOU
ARE CONSIDERED
FREAKS AND
MISFITS.

TOGETHER --
UNDER MY
COMMAND -- YOU WILL
BE HEROES OF
DESTINY!

YOU WILL
BE A LIGHT OF
HOPE IN THE DARK
FUTURE -- I HAVE
SEEN IT!

JOIN ME --
AND BECOME THE
LEGENDARY
X-PATROL!



MMM!

IS IT
JUST ME --
OR IS THERE
SOMETHING
ABOUT A
CYBORG IN
UNIFORM?

HE DON'T
FLOAT MY BOAT,
DARLIN' --
SORRY!

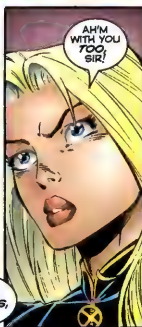


I MEAN,
A TEAM OF UNWANTED
OUTCASTS? I DON'T --



I FIND HIS
WORDS... MOST
STIRRING.

MY
SWORD
IS YOURS,
CABLE!



AH'M
WITH YOU
TOO
SIR!



-- I DON'T THINK
IT'S A BAD
IDEA!

IN FACT,
IT'S SOUNDING
BETTER ALL THE
TIME!

SO --
WHAT'RE WE
WAITING FOR?



I'M GLAD
YOU SIGNED
ON TOO, PIOTR --
MIND TELLING
ME WHY?

THE
REASONS
ARE MINE, AND
NOT YOURS.
TO KNOW,
CABLE.



POINT
TAKEN.

SPEAKING
OF KNOWING --
THERE'S ONE THING
I'D LIKE TO
KNOW...

THIS
HYPOTHETICAL
LEGENDARY HEROES
OF THE FUTURE
STUFF? DOES IT COME
WITH HYPOTHETICAL
FAME AND
FORTUNE?

SUCH
AS BEEMERS,
BEACH HOUSES,
BABES..?

'ZAL'S
MERCY? TELL
HIM, CABLE! I
CAN'T BEAR TO
HEAR HIM ASK
AGAIN!

SINCE
YOU INSIST,
BEASTLING --



-- I ONLY KNOW THE
HIGH POINTS OF YOUR
CAREERS. FOR
INSTANCE --

-- I KNOW
YOU WILL ALL
DIE GLORIOUS
DEATHS!



OH!
WELL, THAT'S
SOMETHING
TO, Ah...

...LOOK
FORWARD
TO...



SO --
THIS PATROL
FOLLOWS A
MADMAN... OR
IS ON A SUICIDE
MISSION!

EITHER
WAY, WE ARE
DOOMED!



JANET--?

ALREADY
TAKING THE
HELM, MON
CAPITAN!



PUT ASIDE
YOUR DARK
THOUGHTS,
FERRO
MAN!

YOU HAVE NOT SEEN
BROTHER BLOOD'S
SLAUGHTERING ZEALOTS!
YOU HAVE NOT SURVIVED
MR. IMMORTUS'S
CONCENTRATION
CAMPS!

EVERYONE
DIES!

WHAT
MATTERS
IS HOW YOU
LIVE!



— NOW! —

OKAY, THE
THING I WANT TO
KNOW IS WHY THEY'RE
CALLED "MISSILES"
IF THEY NEVER
MISS?

CAN'T
SAY, BEASTLING --
BUT IT'S PRETTY
CLEAR WHY LATVERIA
ISN'T A BIG TOURIST
DESTINATION!

YOU
KNOW WE AREN'T
HERE TO SIGHTSEE,
JANET! WE HAVE TO
GET INTO THAT
CASTLE DOWN
BELOW...

...ALIVE, IF
POSSIBLE!

EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE,
SIR!

DON'T
WORRY,
LADIES:
I'M A FIRM
BELIEVER IN
SAVING
WOMEN
FIRST!

HEY!
WATCH THE
HANDS!

YO,
PETEY --
NEED A
HAND...or...
CLAW?

NYET,
BEASTLING!
LEAVE ME
TO BE
FINDING --

-- A WAY
INTO THIS
FORTRESS!

K
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FOLLOW
FERRO MAN'S
LEAD,
'STAR!

I FAIL TO
SEE HOW THIS
WILL RETURN ME TO
MY HOME WORLD
SO I CAN HELP
MY PEOPLE!

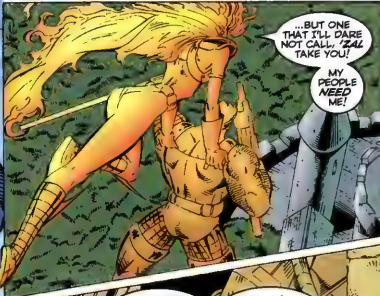


YOU'LL GET BACK,
PRINCESS -- BUT ONLY
BECAUSE OF THE
X-PATROL!

YOU
LEAVE US --
YOU'VE LOST
THEM!



A BRAVE
BLUFF...



...BUT ONE
THAT I'LL DARE
NOT CALL, 'ZAL
TAKE YOU!

MY
PEOPLE
NEED ME!



THAT'S RIGHT,
PRINCESS -- AND
RIGHT NOW, YOUR
PEOPLE ARE THE
PATROL!



...YOU'RE
DEAD, MY METALLIC
FRIEND! BUT BE
HONORED TO KNOW
YOU WERE SLAIN BY
DOCTOR
DOOMSDAY!

TELL ME --
ARE YOU ONE OF
ERIK MAGNUS'
CREATIONS?

I AM NO
ROBOT, VILLAIN --
I AM A MUTANT...
A MAN!

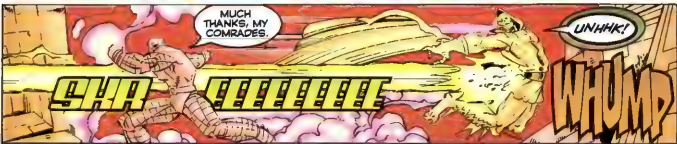
AH! IT
MAKES NO
MATTER YOUR
QUEST WAS
DOOMED FROM
ITS START!

SO I
HAVE BEEN
TOLD...



ONE
SIDE, FERRO
MAN!
PRINCESS---

I KNOW,
CABLE! I'VE
FOUGHT BATTLES
BEFORE!



MUCH
THANKS, MY
COMRADES.

UNHHK!



IMPRESSIVE.

BUT
NO MATCH FOR
MY BIO-ARMOR,
WOMAN -- OR
THE WEAPONRY
CREATED BY MY
GENIUS!



UNHAND
ME, BEASTLING!
THIS ONE CAN
TAKE CARE OF
HERSELF!

AND I
SAY LET'S TAKE
CARE OF DOC
D-DAY!

WAIT,
JANET...



AH...
AH CAN'T PICK AND
CHOOSE WHO AH
CHANGE INTO -- BUT
AH GOT A FEELIN'
AH CAN HELP OUT
HERE!

A SPIN
OF THE H-U-S-K
DIAL, AN' WE'LL
SEE...



YES! AH'VE
BECOME --

POLARIS --
MISTRESS OF
MAGNETISM!

VRREEENK

FEEL MY POWER, DESPOT! AND THE CRUSHING WEIGHT OF YOUR OWN MACHINES!

YOU CANNOT KILL ME, WOMAN -- NOT SINCE THE DAY ALIEN DNA COMBINED WITH MY OWN AND TRANSFORMED ME INTO THE MOST HIGHLY EVOLVED BEING IN EXISTENCE --

UNGH!

IT IS NOT MY INTENT TO KILL YOU, VILLAIN -- MERELY TO CAGE YOU!

BAD. WORSE THAN I EXPECTED...

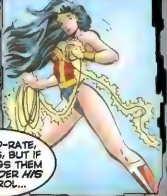
WHAT IS IT, NILES?

A DEVICE TO BRIDGE DIMENSIONS... REALITIES...

DOOMSDAY MUST BE PLANNING TO GATHER AN ARMY TO CONQUER THIS WORLD.

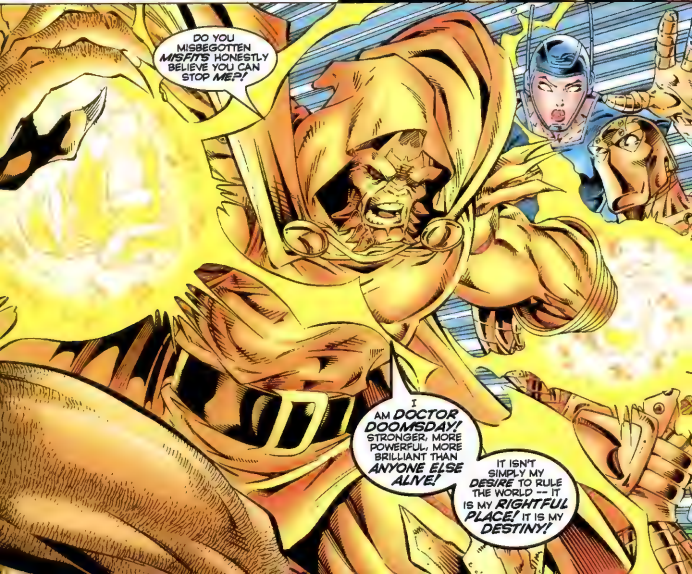
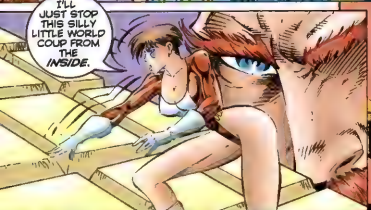


AN ARMY OF TWISTED, SPLINTERED VERSIONS OF OUR OWN HEROES!

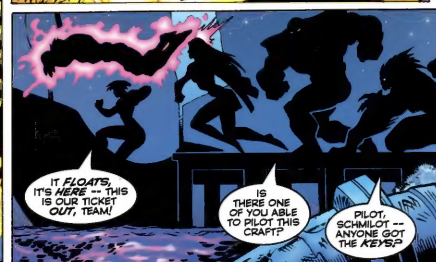
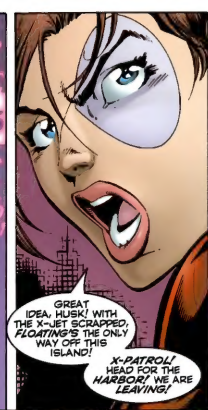


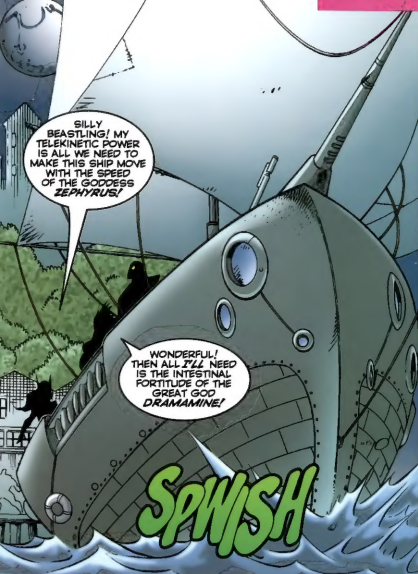
SECOND-RATE, PERHAPS, BUT IF HE BRINGS THEM HERE UNDER HIS CONTROL...











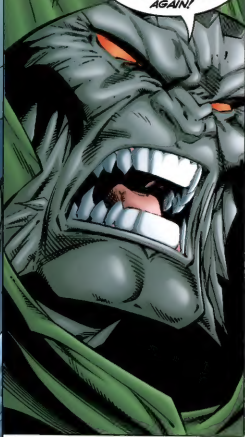
SILLY BEASTLING! MY TELEKINETIC POWER IS ALL WE NEED TO MAKE THIS SHIP MOVE WITH THE SPEED OF THE GODDESS ZEPHYRUS!

WONDERFUL! THEN ALL I'LL NEED IS THE INTESTINAL FORTITUDE OF THE GREAT GOD DRAMAMINE!

SPWISH

YOU ESCAPE ME THIS TIME, X-PATROL -- BUT OUR PATHS SHALL CROSS AGAIN!

THEN I SHALL PROVE I AM YOUR SUPERIOR! NO PATHETIC BAND OF OUTCASTS WILL EVER DETER ME FROM MY DESTINY AGAIN!



HLATER...H

WE'LL BE IN CORTO MALTESE IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, NILES!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE DID IT! EVERYTHING HAPPENED EXACTLY LIKE YOU TOLD ME IT WOULD!

NOT EVERYTHING, MY LOVE. PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE STUDIED HISTORY MORE CLOSELY. PERHAPS WE'RE ALREADY CHANGING HISTORY...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NILES?



MY LEGS, JANET.

I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS...

NEXT:

**THE
LEGION
OF
EVIL
MUTANTS**

Dear X-Patrol,

I can't believe you guys actually did it! After months of pleading (okay so maybe it was just a few weeks) who would of thought you guys would actually listen to little of me. Tres cool! I can't wait to see this team in action, especially with Beastling in it. He brings in that extra panache that the team certainly needs! One thing I'm semi-alarmed about is that Spider-Boy is not part of the team. What's going on, guys? I thought maybe Shatterstarfire, and he had something going. Didn't I read a book of passion between them when he saved her hide from Gordianus way back in SPIDER-BOY AND HIS ASTONISHING FRIENDS #37? Or was it just one of those "I've stared into the sun for too long and now I'm seeing color dots in front of my eyes" looks? I've had them too and let me tell you they're not much fun! As for the rest of the ish, can't wait to pick it up! So until Ferro-Man starts to rust, Make Mine Amalgam!

Eric Stewart
144 Strangeway Lane
Syracuse, New York

Glad you like the team, Eric! Hope this issue lives up to your expectations. As for Shatterstarfire and Spider-Boy, sorry to disappoint you but I think that Spider-Boy is already spoken for. Check out the first issue of SPIDER-BOY for all the details. As for Shatterstarfire, we think she may have her eyes set on someone on the team. Now hmm...who could it possibly be?



X-Patrol dudes & dudettes,

O happy, happy day! What glee I felt at the announcement of the X-Patrol series! The dark and foreboding Niles Cable, the ever "party-on" gal, Blast-Girl, the lovable and always utterly huggable Beastling, plus the warriorlike princess Shatterstarfire. All of my favorite characters under one fabulous title. What more could I ask for? Well, gee, now that I mention it...I have only but a handful of questions that are desperately seeking answers. Of which I know you guys are just brimming with anticipation to oblige!

(1) What's up with Ferro-Man? I sort of got the impression that he was the reason behind that whole deal with Dark Claw in DARK CLAW #76. You were able to see a shadow of his mask just before the explosion occurred. Now how in tarnation can X-Patrol have a possible bad guy on their team? Geez, didn't they do their homework when recruiting?

(2) Who's this Dial H.U.S.K. character? Please don't tell me she's promoting one of the 1-800-COLLECT numbers!

(3) Are we going to see any future cross-over team-ups? A J.L.X. and X-Patrol cross-over would just be too darn spiffy! (hint, hint)

(4) Last question! Are we ever going to team just who the heck this Miles Cable guy is? The suspense is killing me! Thanks for the info and keep up the good work!

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Alexa, we're happy to know that you like the team. Trust us, they need all the encouragement they

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can get! As for your questions, hey no problem, what else do we gotta do?

(1) Ferro-Man, a bad guy? Hmmm...we don't know about that one but some of Ferro-Man's past has been discovered in this issue, so maybe your question has already been answered!

(2) We hope this ish has given you some revelations as to the origin of Dial H.U.S.K. As for the rest of our precarious cast in X-Patrol, more will be discovered in later issues.

(3) X-Patrol and the J.L.X.? We could see a possibility but let's let our heroes make their stand in the world first. Anyway, those guys over at J.L.X. have their own problems to worry about!

(4) Oh, come on, don't ya like a little suspense? All will be known in due time. Hee, hee, we can see little beads of sweat already starting to form over the suspense of waiting!



Yo Amalgam people,

Ahhh! This is so wrong! Shatterstarfire in X-Patrol! —sigh— On the injustices this life toils upon us! I wished upon the starry night sky to grant her her own series but I suppose I shall have to make do with what is given. I just don't see her being tied down to a team and following orders. She's too much of a...shall we say, strongminded person to fear those little censor guys. We saw just how bad that can turn out when she paired up with Wonder Woman in MIGHTY AMAZONS #64 and they seemed to be friends! —sigh—I guess once more I shall have to pray to the tik gods to guide you in the way of the light!

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Don't be too distressed, Marie! Shatterstarfire is part of the team for a reason. Her skills are invaluable and if anyone can keep her in line, Cable can! Anyway, she adds just a little touch of friction to keep the rest of the team on their toes!



Dear Amalgam

This is the first time for me writing into a letter column so please bear with me. First, and foremost, I've got to say I've been a fan of Amalgam for years now! The AGENTS OF S.H.I.E.L.D. was one of my alltime favorite books. I love the fact that Bruce Wayne is getting his own series. I've been reading Amalgam since the days of Bob Kaneister and Kris Klamermount. But now onto the main reason for writing this letter. You can't believe how overjoyed I was when I learned that Niles Cable was going to be part of a regular series! He is one of the most intriguing characters Amalgam has

produced to date. Who is he really? Where did he come from? What's the reason behind all his secrecy? Ever since his first appearance in Bruce Wayne, this character has never ceased to amaze me. One other thing, what's his connection with HYDRA? He seems to know too much about them and their operations. Also, I'm glad to see Janet Van Dyne in X-Patrol. Do I see a possible love interest between Janet and Niles?

One final note, I strongly suggest a cameo appearance by Dr. Strange. I think his aura of mysticism and wonder brings an added effect to the dawning of a new era in the Amalgam universe. Well, that's it for now! Peace, joy, and happiness be with you!

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Jim, if you like Dark Claw so much, be sure to check out TALES OF THE DARK CLAW coming out soon in a comic book store near you! Sorry to say we're going to have to keep that shroud of mystery around Cable; it just wouldn't be the same if all was revealed too soon. So you're just going to have to sit back and wait! Cable and Elast-Girl? Pretty good idea. She does seem to have feelings for him but will someone else get in the way? Tsk, tsk, tsk, you know the routine: watch, wait, and all will be revealed! As for Dr. Strange, he's got some pretty wacky things going on right now in his own series, so we don't think he'll be popping up around X-Patrol anytime soon.



Dear Amalgam people,

Just when you thought Amalgam couldn't possibly come up with another title, Bam! X-Patrol comes onto the scene. Ah, heck, as long as there isn't 13 variant covers I think I can shell out an extra two bucks a month! So, what's X-Patrol's glitch going to be in the Amalgam universe? Hopefully it's going to be finding a girlfriend for Beastling. Poor guy, he's always getting rejected! Maybe it's the green 'do?

As for the rest of the team, Husk looks like an interesting new player in the game. Can't wait to find out how she's going to fit in. Any relation to Sam Guthrie, a.k.a. Torpedo? If so, is his death going to have any aftereffects on her performance in the heat of battle? Ahh, the irony of it all! And what about Ferro-Man? Ooh, that name just sends shivers down my spine! Will we ever see the man behind the mask or more importantly with a name like Ferro-Man, do we really want to? Okay, enough ranting! Keep up the good work, gang!

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Hey Susan, we're excited about the first issue of X-Patrol, too. We hope you like it. X-Patrol's just trying to make the world a better place to live in, gosh-damn! It seems to me Beastling has his sights already set on a few of his teammates! Now about Torpedo's relation to Miss Guthrie, very perceptive! But we don't think it's going to have any effect on her. She's just a strong 'll of southern gall! And as for Ferro-Man we will definitely see more of him (so to speak) in upcoming issues. So just hang tight!

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